

construction. Thus the author lays the foundation for the rest of his book, which is devoted to a criticism of the precision of educational measurement.

The author says, "Educational measurement will move in two directions: first, it will seek for those independent and homogeneous elements with which it can deal most successfully; and, second, it will rest content with the degree of accuracy it has attained and will attempt to adapt its techniques and procedures to the requirements of qualitative evaluation." P. H.

A BOOK OF CHILDREN'S LITERATURE. By Lillian Hollowell. New York: Farrar and Rinehart, Inc. 942 pages. 1939. \$3.75.

This is more than "just another" anthology of literature for children. Designed as a textbook for prospective teachers and as a source book for teachers, the material—both old and recent literature suitable for the first six grades and some even for junior high school—is arranged by types. The poetry is also classified according to theme.

An introductory chapter in each section defines each type and tells something of its historical development, its general characteristics and values. Although these are the features of all anthologies of children's literature, this book seems superior because the selections represent children's choices and because the format of the book is very attractive.

In addition to the well-chosen selections there are abundant bibliographies and reading lists, which include the most recent literature. There are also thought-provoking questions and suggestions for study and discussion and class activities. M. V. H.

NEWS OF THE COLLEGE

Dr. Chen Chang-Lok, counselor of the Chinese Embassy, addressed the student body and faculty on the subject, "The Struggle in China," on January 25. Dr. Chen, who was brought here by the local chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, has been asso-

ciated with the Embassy in Washington since October, 1938.

"Japan's ruthless warfare in China is a serious blunder," he asserted. "China has too many people of her own to accommodate invading Japanese; furthermore China's development is not military, but cultural and educational. Japan doesn't understand these finer phases of a higher civilization; its plans are only for its own selfish gains."

"Just because countries want the possession of other countries is no reason they have to fight," Dr. Chen said. "They should work out a system of neutral exchange whereby both countries would profit. But Japan wanted to fight, and the only thing China could do was fight back."

Selected by the student body as the outstanding girls on campus, eight seniors, four juniors, two sophomores, and two freshmen will have their pictures in the feature section of the 1939 *Schoolm'dam* edited by Jane Logan, Harrisonburg.

Those students chosen by the student body to represent the senior class are Lafayette Carr, Galax; Jane Logan, Harrisonburg; Elizabeth Rawles, Norfolk; Billie Powell, Hopewell; Agnes Arnold, Nassawadox; Tish Holler, Camden, New Jersey; Peanut Warner, Richmond; and Emma Rand, Amelia.

Outstanding juniors are Mike Lyne, Shenandoah Junction, W. Va.; Virginia Gordon Hall, Ashland; Jean VanLandingham, Petersburg; and Geraldine Douglass, Grottoes.

Representing the sophomores are Margaret Hedges, Alexandria; and Anna Jane Pence, Arlington.

Freshmen chosen are Margaret Moore, Richmond; and Jane Dingledine, Harrisonburg.

As the first number on the Entertainment Course, the Hedgerow Players presented George Bernard Shaw's "Candida," and

Henrik Ibsen's "Ghosts" in Wilson Auditorium, February 7. The Hedgerow Company was under the skilled direction of Jasper Deeter, its founder.

Climaxing the annual observance of Standards Day on the Madison College Campus, the Standards Committee, headed by Olive Johnson, chairman, presented its annual fashion review in Wilson Auditorium, February 3. Mrs. Helen Langdon, commentator, of Thalhimer's, Richmond, was the guest speaker and discussed the latest spring style trends.

The review included styles of the entire year which are suitable for the typical college wardrobe and was participated in by 75 models. The show was arranged by the Standards Committee under the direction of Mrs. Annie Bailey Cook, sponsor of the committee, and Mrs. Adele Blackwell, Miss Ambrosia Noetzel, and Miss Lois Pearman of the Home Economics Department.

Members of the committee are Olive Johnson, chairman, Lucille Willingham, Sally Rusher, Mildred Glass, Jean Collier, Gladys Dickerson, Dorothy Nover, Bernadine Buck, Mary J. Wright, and Clarice Logan. The purpose of the Standards Committee is to help formulate and maintain proper standards of dress, conduct, and social activities on campus.

Against a background of silhouettes the Bluestone Cotillion Club held its annual Midwinter dances February 4, to the music of Skeets Morris and his Auburn Cavaliers from the University of Alabama.

Mildred Abbitt of Victoria, president of the club, and her partner, Travis Du Priest of Crewe, lead the members of Cotillion in the figure. She was followed by the vice-president, Elizabeth Brown, accompanied by Harold Landis. Next came Gene Ballard, secretary, with Fred Timberlake; and after her, Emma Rand, treasurer, and escort, Joe Logan; Katherine Warner, sergeant-at-arms, with Harlow Ford; and

Dorothy Day, business manager, with Randolph Gardner.

Dr. Henry A. Converse, registrar, recently announced the list of honor students for the fall quarter. Those in the senior class having grades nearer A than B are Elizabeth Alexander, Ellen Jane Beery, LaFayette Carr, Agnes Craig, Virginia Doering, Nancy Earman, Mary Flanagan, Martha Fitzgerald, Mildred Garnett, Earl Ruth Hitt, Shirley Jacobus, Janet Lee Miller, Margaret Pittman, Willie Lee Powell, Emma Rand, and Marjorie Stoutamyre.

Juniors attaining this honor were Bernadine Buck, Geraldine Lillard, Mike Lyne, and Frances Marie Walker.

Sophomores on the high roll were Dorothy Allen, Mrs. Maymie Bowman, Julia Ann Flohr, Martha McGavock, Marjorie Pitts, Marjorie Proffitt, Juanita Rhodes, Gladys Walker, Vern Wilkerson, and Mary J. Wright.

In the freshman class the girls with the best records were Genevieve Baker, Annette Bowles, Jane Ellen Dingleline, Martha Draper, Mrs. Vivian Fauver, Alice Griffith, Helen Houchell, Elsie Rebecca Jones, Ruth Kiser, Sylvia Klein, Billie Liggett, Cora Reames, Edna Lee Schaaf, and Margaret Shelton.

Election of Janet Wimer, Crabbottom, as captain of this season's varsity basketball team, was the result of a varsity squad meeting held recently. Wimer, a senior, and a member of the past season's varsity hockey team, plays guard for the local sextet and has taken an active part in athletics during her college career. She led the varsity in its opening game against the Harrisonburg Alumnæ team from Sperryville.

Three hundred sophomores came 'round the mountain dressed in the height of hill-billy fashion in patched green skirts and sun bonnets and carrying corn-cob pipes in observance of their second class day, Jan-

uary 20. Headed by Chief Mountaineer Margaret Hedges, Alexandria, the class used as its theme, "A-leanin' toward larn-in'."

The day's festivities, including a chapel program, formal dinner, and gay program in the gymnasium, were headed by president Margaret Hedges; vice-president, Katherine White; secretary, Julia Ann Flohr; treasurer, Anna Jane Pence; business manager, Frances White; and sergeant-at-arms, Faye Mitchell.

A fifteen-minute radio transcription was recently made to show the combined efforts of the Glee Club under the direction of Miss Edna T. Shaeffer, head of the music department, and the orchestra under the baton of Mr. Clifford T. Marshall, of the music faculty. Professor Robert Slaughter acted as announcer, introducing as stars of the program Geraldine Douglass and Marie Walker at the two pianos, LaFayette Carr, as soloist, Louise McNair as violinist, and Dolly Armentrout at the organ.

With Raye Frye and his Virginians supplying the music, the Harrisonburg chapter of the Alumnae Association held its annual dance in Reed Gymnasium, January 28. This dance is sponsored annually as a benefit for the educational fund of the local chapter. This year Miss Evelyn Wolfe, vice-president of the Harrisonburg group, was chairman of the dance committee.

Five girls completed the necessary requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree during the fall quarter. They were Mary Hutzler, Rockingham; Ruth Warner, Hamilton; Mary Darst, Moneta; Mildred Lapinsky, Brooklyn, New York; and Shirley Jacobus, Far Rockaway, New York. Betty Swartz, Louisa, was the only student to receive a two-year diploma at this time.

Kappa Delta Pi, national honorary fraternity in education for juniors and seniors, has elected the following new members: Ellen Fairlamb, Elsie Thomas, Judith McCue, Geraldine Douglass, Jennie Lee Massie, Judy Brothers, Margaret Weller, Bernadine Buck, Anna Miller, Doris Fivecoat, Rosa Lee Agnor, Virginia Shreckhise, Charlotte Heslep, and Katherine Robertson.

Sigma Phi Lambda, honorary society for freshmen and sophomores, announced the following new members recently: Annette Bowles, Alice Griffith, Margaret Shelton, Ruth Kiser, Vivian Fauver, Edythe Wright, Madelon Jessee, Jane Dingleline, Martha Jane Draper, Helen Houchell, Billie Liggett, Marguerite Buck, Gladys Walker, Martha Burroughs, and Genevieve Baker.

New members of Lee Literary Society are Antoinette Eastham, Jane Beery, Marjorie Pitts, Dot Grove, Gay Pritchett, Jinky West, Betty Wise.

Lanier's new pledges include Mary Bailey, Eleanor Brock, Ann Cowling, Virginia Conrad, Virginia Switzer, Frances Drury, Tess Fitzhugh, Libby Martin, Virginia Roberts, and Peanut Uhlin.

Page took in the following girls at the beginning of the winter quarter: Nancy Dick, Sarah Conant, Ann Yost, Nancy Lee, Margaret Robinson, Polly Maniates, Kathryn Cowling, Jane Dingleline, Margaret Moore, Eleanor Turner, Betty Sanford, Pauline Phillips, Linda Padgett, Catherine Ketron, Maxine Calfee, Helen Smith, and Eleanor Hollander.

Two performances of "Cinderella" were presented by the Clare Tree Major Children's Theatre on Saturday, December 10. This was the second lyceum number presented by this group at the college. The play was sponsored by the two P.T.A. associations of Harrisonburg.

Faculty advisers and mascots of the four classes are as follows: *Seniors*: Mr. H. K. Gibbons and Miss Dorothy Savage, Bobby Gibbons; *Juniors*: Dr. H. A. Converse and Miss Helen Marbut, Beatrice Ott; *Sophomores*: Professor Conrad Logan and Dr. Rachel F. Weems, Edgar McConnell; *Freshmen*: Professor R. C. Dingleline and Mrs. Adele Blackwell, Betsy Gibbons.

ALUMNAE NOTES

Indications are that there will be many alumnae back on March 17 and 18 for the 1939 Home-Coming. Registration of alumnae will be in Alumnae Hall. Badge, program, and tickets are given each alumna when she registers.

The main feature on March 17 is the presentation by the Stratford Dramatic Club, under the direction of Dr. Tresidder, of Noel Coward's play "I'll Leave It to You." The college orchestra under the leadership of Mr. Marshall will furnish the music.

The program on March 18 will be similar to that of last year. In the morning, at eleven o'clock, the local chapter will have an "Open House" in Alumnae Hall to which all alumnae and faculty are invited. This is one of the most enjoyable features of the week-end, as it gives opportunity to greet former classmates and faculty members.

Instead of a banquet this year, there will be a luncheon in Bluestone Dining Hall at one o'clock. Mary Brown Allgood, president of the association, will preside, and Dr. Duke will be the main speaker. The business meeting in the auditorium of Wilson Hall will follow the luncheon. The election of officers will constitute one piece of business. Because Mary Brown Allgood has accepted a position in Ohio and will be unable to keep in close contact with the organization, she is asking that another person be elected president to complete the

second year of office. The officers whose terms expire this year are the vice-president, Pam Parkins Thomas, of Toledo, Ohio, and the treasurer, Mary McNiel Wilis, of Culpeper.

This is the year for the reunion of the classes of '14, '19, '24, '29 and '34; members of these classes are planning special meetings in the interval between the business meeting and the dance.

At eight-thirty a movie will be shown in the auditorium of Wilson Hall and the dance in Reed gymnasium will begin. The dance will be restricted to alumnae and members of the senior class. The music for the dance will be provided by the Virginians, who played for the dance last year.

WEDDINGS

Class of 1937: Martha Way, of Kenova, W. Va., to Charles Oliver Weaver, of Harrisonburg, Va.; on February 4 in the Presbyterian church, at Kenova.

Since her graduation Mrs. Weaver has been a member of the faculty of the Roosevelt High School in Charleston, W. Va. Mr. Weaver is a young business man in Harrisonburg. On their return from a trip to Florida Mr. and Mrs. Weaver will make their home in Harrisonburg.

Class of 1938: Rose Maxine Cardwell, of Arlington, to Raymond Leighty, of College Park, Md.; in Arlington, on Saturday, December 24, 1938.

Mr. and Mrs. Leighty are living at 355 College Avenue, College Park, Md. Mr. Leighty is an instructor at the University of Maryland.

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